

Service Date: September 17, 1986

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application Of	)	
WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY	)	UTILITY DIVISION
For Authority To Increase Rates For Electric	)	DOCKET NO. 86.8.36
Service In Montana.	)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5217

On August 8, 1986, Washington Water Power Company (WWP or Applicant) filed a petition with the Montana Public Service Commission pursuant to Sections 69-3-101 et seq., MCA, for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its electric rates. The major factor causing the rate increase is the inclusion of 90 percent of the Colstrip No. 4 Plant in Applicant's rate base. The balance of the increase results mainly from increased operating and maintenance costs of the Applicant. The proposed rates result in an overall rate increase of 10.15 percent and a revenue increase of approximately \$2,100.

On August 14, 1986, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Public hearing. A provision in that notice stated "If, however, no hearing is requested by September 12, 1986, an appropriate order will be issued based upon evidence submitted by the Applicant." No requests for hearing were received.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by the Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Due to the addition of the Colstrip No. 4 Plant to rate base and increases in operating expenses the Applicant is entitled to a revenue increase of \$2,100.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.
2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Washington Water Power application to increase rates to generate revenues in the amount of \$2,100 to recover operating costs on the WWP electric system is GRANTED.

2. This Order is effective for service rendered on and after the 15th day of September, 1986.

DONE AND DATED this 15th day of September, 1986, by a 5 to 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

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HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

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TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell  
Acting Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.